

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey, on March 9, 2015 at 10:00 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)
Sen. Elsie Arntzen, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dee Brown (R)
Sen. Pat Connell (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 285, 2/25/2015; HB 225, 2/25/2015; HB 538, 3/6/2015

HEARING ON HB 285

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:35 Rep. Kelly Flynn (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 285. Revise definitions related to guest ranches.

[EXHIBIT\(bus48a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:28 Sterling Miller, Dunrovin (Guest) Ranch, Lolo

[EXHIBIT\(bus48a02\)](#)

00:11:16 Jim Murphy, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:20 Sen. Facey

00:12:24 Rep. Flynn

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:06 Rep. Flynn

00:13:44 Chairman Buttrey

HEARING ON HB 225

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:19 Rep. Vince Ricci (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 225. Revise and update funeral trust banking laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:16 Erin McGowan, Montana Funeral Directors Association

00:18:23 John Tarr, chair, Montana Board of Funeral Services

00:18:50 Wayne Benson, licensed mortician; chair, Montana Funeral Directors Trust Committee; Montana Funeral Directors Association (MFDA)

00:20:36 Randy Wilke, owner, Anderson, Stevenson & Wilke Funeral Home; Retz Funeral Home; Stevenson & Wilke Funeral Home

00:22:12 Erin MacLean, executive director, Montana Funeral Directors Association

00:24:13 Jim Brown, Montana Independent Bankers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:47 Sen. Brown
00:26:59 Mr. Benson, MFDA
00:29:31 Sen. Facey
00:29:34 Mr. Benson

Closing by Sponsor:

00:29:54 Rep. Ricci
00:30:35 Chairman Buttrey

HEARING ON HB 538

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:31:05 Rep. Mike Miller (R), HD 80, opened the hearing on HB 538. Provide extraterritoriality option for workers' compensation.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:33:19 Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund (MSF)
00:34:29 Bob Worthington, Montana Self Insurers Association (MSIA)
00:35:17 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Compensation Fund (MCCF)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:36:06 Judy Bovington, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:36:25 Sen. Connell
00:37:36 Mr. Wade, MCCF (redirect)
00:38:26 Ms. Butler, MSF
00:39:36 Sen. Connell
00:40:18 Ms. Butler
00:41:10 Sen. Connell
00:41:22 Mr. Worthington, MSIA
00:41:56 Sen. Brown
00:42:45 Rep. Miller
00:42:33 Sen. Facey
00:43:50 Ms. Butler
00:43:46 Sen. Vuckovich
00:44:01 Chairman Buttrey
00:44:09 Ms. Bovington, DLI

Closing by Sponsor:

00:44:36 Rep. Miller

Committee Business:

00:44:50 Chairman Buttrey

00:45:40 Sen. Brown

00:45:58 Chairman Buttrey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:45 A.M.

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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